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Under 37 CFR § 1.116  
Group Art Unit: 2856  
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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: NONDESTRUCTIVE INSPECTION  
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INSPECTION METHOD USING ELASTIC  
GUIDED WAVE

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 6, 10-13, and 23, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.**